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<u>Jackson Demonstration State Forest</u> <u>Campground, Trail, Firewood Area Closures</u>

Fort Bragg– California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Mendocino Unit is preparing for the Fall season at Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) by announcing scheduled closures of seasonal campgrounds, trails and firewood areas.

Campground Closure: The seasonal closure of JDSF Camp One, Dunlap and Horse Camp campgrounds are scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017. Big River campground will remain open until which time it is deemed necessary to close.

Trail Closure: Beginning October 15, the "Trestle Trail" between Camp 8 and JDSF Road 1070 will be closed to mushroom gathering and other recreational activities. This trail is closed (October-May) as a precautionary measure in an attempt to slow the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*, the invasive pathogen that causes Sudden Oak Death.

Firewood Area Closure: The designated areas for firewood cutting will also close on Monday, October 2, 2017, or prior to the first significant rain, whichever occurs first. After the closure, all firewood cutting on the Forest is prohibited until otherwise noticed.

Information regarding camping and other recreational activities such as mushroom gathering on JDSF is available at the CAL FIRE Fort Bragg office located at 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA or by calling (707) 964-5674 during the following hours: Monday through Friday from 8-12 & 1-5. Our website is: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php

Multiple uses of JDSF for a wide variety of activities that benefit the public, the economy and natural resources are what our demonstration forests are all about.



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PUBLIC NOTICE SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURE

September 28, 2017

Effective on Sunday, October 15, 2017, except as noted below, all State Forest roads within Jackson Demonstration State Forest will be closed to unauthorized public vehicular traffic in accordance with Sections 1431 and 1438, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. The road closure prohibits the use of all unauthorized motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and ATVs. Roads may still be used for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. It is always unlawful to operate unlicensed vehicles (including off-road vehicles with or without green stickers) on State Forest roads. Off-road travel with motorized vehicles is not permitted on the State Forest.

This seasonal closure protects forest roads from damage during wet weather. Please do not drive on roads that are wet and have soft surfaces, even if they are not formally closed. Road and stream damage can occur from rutting and erosion. It is not safe to drive on roads with slippery surfaces. Please help us protect your forest resources.

EXCEPTIONS - ROADS THAT WILL STAY OPEN:

The following roads will generally remain <u>open</u> throughout the winter, but may be closed periodically without further notice depending on road and weather conditions:

- Road 100 (closed at the property line at the north end)
- Road 130 (closed at Road 1000 at the north end)
- Road 200 (check for road closures)
- Road 250 (closed at Road 1000 at the north end)
- Road 350 (only as far as the Egg Collection Station/Camp One Day Use Area)
- Road 500
- Road 700 to Mendocino Woodlands State Park
- Roads 800 (to the property line)
- Road 810
- Road 900 (only to Road 810)

Roads are expected to re-open in the spring of 2018. For a map of JDSF roads, contact our office at (707) 964-5674 or visit us at 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg or http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt stateforests_jackson.php.

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